

# U-Turn For Christ New Jersey

Freedom from Addiction through Christ



Josh, EJ, Rob & the 1<sup>st</sup> phase U-Turn men spent time in Baton Rouge, LA ministering to those who lost everything in last month's devastating floods. We sent six men down and seven came home! Best of all it was a transforming trip for the men. I asked them each to share a few words on their experience. Please take time to read and pray for them.



#### **Pastor's Heart**

This month, our 1st phase men alona with three leaders, traveled to Baton Roque, LA to come alongside Calvary Relief in their efforts to help those who were devastated by flooding. After a very long drive, they spent a week meeting and ministering to people who have lost everything. They worked on their homes, they fed them, and most importantly they prayed with them and shared the love of Christ with everyone they met. We are always teaching the men that they "can do ALL things" through Christ who strengthens them, but for God to allow them to see how that works practically in their own lives was truly a blessina.

The team we sent down came back changed. They are unified and have a fire in their heart to live for Christ. They even brought a young man they met down there (who was struggling with addiction) back with them! He is now a part of the ministry here in NJ. AWESOME!!!!

Please pray the men would continue to be filled with that singleness of purpose and a strong desire to serve Jesus Christ wherever they go. I pray they NEVER forget what Philippians 4:13 says:

"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."



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## **Testimonies from the Baton Rouge Missions Team**



I was truly blessed to be a part of the amazing work God is doing through the devastation in Baton Rouge. I saw God bring His people together to rebuild homes for those who lost everything. It was easy to relate my life to the work we did down there, as sometimes in my personal walk with the Lord I also need to put all of the trash and baggage out to the curb, and start fresh with God. It was not about the physical work we did, but the miraculous, spiritual work that God was doing. Through divine appointments we saw God show up in a way that only He can. **–Josh C.** 

A fantastic experience, wanted to stay and do more, did not want to go home. A blessing. -Steve K.

Nothing is by chance. God used me 1,000 miles away from "my comfort" zone to help comfort others who needed to be reminded that they are loved by the God who created the universe. **-Damien** 

It was a great experience to help those in need. That is the Lord working in us to help others. -Bill L.

You could feel the Holy Spirit, as God used us to magnify His love and mercy. I was blessed to be a part of this trip. **-Tommy** 

First missions trip—won't be the last. Such a blessing. -Jimmy

It is wonderfully rewarding to selflessly serve those in need. Can't wait to create more smiles on the next trip. **-Joe** 

It was such a blessing to be able to go to Baton Rouge and serve with Calvary Relief. I can't explain how it made me feel to watch guys who come from my background of drug addiction (which is a life of selfishness and destruction) being selfless, and ministering with the love of Jesus Christ; feeding the hungry, praying with people, building homes, and praising the Lord everywhere we went. The trip for me personally was an eye opening experience. It showed me that sharing the love of Jesus Christ is the only truly satisfying thing, and that it is more blessed to give than to receive. Doing the work of the Lord is way more fulfilling than any drug or any other thing that I've ever done. **-Robby B** 

# Ways U Can Get Involved

If you would like to come alongside this ministry there are three important ways you can help.

First and foremost we ask that you would **pray** for the lives of the men we are ministering to, and for their families. PRAYER CHANGES THINGS!

"Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and it will be opened to you" - John 7:7

Another way you can help is through **financial support**. U-Turn for Christ is a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation. We receive no outside funding and rely totally on donations. If you'd like to support us financially, you can donate safely online at **www.uturn4ChristNJ**.com or send a check to: U-Turn for Christ NJ, PO Box 286, Allenhurst, NJ 07711.

"The generous soul will be made rich" - Proverbs 11:25

Finally, **let us help you!** If we can come alongside you or someone you love who is struggling with addiction, **please call us**. We are here to offer the help and hope that is found in Jesus Christ. That is what we do!

"Brethren, if a man is overtaken in any trespass, you who are spiritual restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness, considering yourself lest you also be tempted" - Galatians 6:1

## Praise & Prayer

### Praise Reports

Abundant fresh food donations. Men were able to bless America's Keswick and a local shelter with the surplus
T, J, & R, all found favor with the courts with legal issues.
New ministry vehicle.
Provisions for last month's bills.

#### Prayer Requests

Court finds favor with J's sentencing and he would be able to stay on in ministry.
Healthy pregnancy for S's wife
Seeds planted in Baton
Rouge would flourish
The men would continue to grow strong in their walk with the Lord.
Victory over the sin of

addiction. - Provisions for this month's bills

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